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Alumni Day—1976



Enjoying light-hearted conversation are (seated from left) Volney Hansen, Bertha Munson Hanks, '26, and Charles Pfeilsticker, '26. Standing is Alumni Director Ray Amundson.



Hazel Nelson Bielenberg, '26, proudly proclaims that she has long been the "adopted" grandmother of many Dodge Center, MN, children.



The class of 1926.

Alumni Day — 1976

Alumni came from as far away as California and Washington to attend the Winona State University Alumni Society's annual reunion on Saturday, May 1. The day began with a bus tour of Winona, followed by a coffee hour, campus tour, business meeting, banquet and social hour.

Robert Hogenson, '63, former Alumni Society President, once again conducted the bus tour. About fifty alumni took the opportunity to revisit scenic Winona. They visited such popular attractions as Lake Park, Garvin Heights and the Julius Wilke Steamboat in Levee Park.

After the bus tour, the alumni returned to Kryzsko Commons to reminisce. Some brought yearbooks, and all enjoyed discussing past experiences and accomplishments.



Apollo Club members entertain the dinner guests with some old favorites.

The campus tour was led by Winona State faculty members: Joe Emanuel, Biology Department, Sue Ann Kuchmeister, '67, Physical Education Department, and Dr. Melvin Wedul, Placement Director. Dr. John Martin hosted a tour of the health, physical education and recreation facilities in Memorial Hall while Richmond McCluer directed a tour of the Performing Arts Center which houses the departments of Music and Communication and Theatre Arts. Jean Woodsend, '66, took the groups on a tour through the Morey-Shepard Hall dormitory. The guides commented that those participating in the tours had an enjoyable time and were amazed at the changes on campus.

Susan Day, '57, Alumni Society Vice President, conducted the Society business meeting in the afternoon. The

nominating committee nominated board members, Richard Adank, '63, '67, for Vice President, and Herb Peter, '57, for Treasurer. The two new board members nominated were Ron Kruse, '57, and Francille Yahnke, '65. Both nominees were unanimously accepted and will serve a two-year term. The Board members retained from last year are: Dave Forsythe, '68, Eugene Sweazey, '32, Cathy Pellowski, '71, and Jack Kaehler, '73.

The bicentennial decor at the banquet set the mood for the fiftieth year class reunion. Thirty-three members of the 1926 class, and their spouses, were guests of honor. Those attending from the class of 1926 were: Ethel Berhow Amundson, Northfield; Helen Olson Arndt, Minneapolis; Dorothy Carpenter Arntsen, Winona; Wilbur L. Beaton, Algonquin, Illinois; Bernice

Berg, Austin; Hazel Nelson Bielenburg, Dodge Center; Elmyra Simon Braaten, Kenyon; Walter P. Busch, La-Mesa, California; Olive L. Crocker, Bloomington; Marguerite Barnes Eischen, Rochester; Emma J. Erickson, LaCrosse, Wisconsin; Paradea Lindert Evenson, Spring Grove; Myrtle Simon Faber, Rollingstone; Elizabeth Fjetland, Farmington; Orpha Love Gullickson, Fertile; Bertha Monson Hanks, Mason City, Iowa; Marjorie Doty Hueman, Carlton, Oregon; Gerald E. Huston, Anoka; Jessie Beaton Larson, Northbrook, Illinois; Bertha Dwelle Miller, Minneapolis; Lela Buchs Oelke, Stewartville; Allene Munger Peterson, Lake City; Esther Peterson Peterson, Minneapolis; Charles Pfeilsticker, Detroit Lakes; Mary Graham Quinn, Omaha, Nebraska; Verlie Sather, Winona; Virginia Metcalf Reding, Lake City; Mary Meinke Satory, LaCrosse, Wisconsin; Fred Schwager, Winona; Geneva Lattin Smith, Wayzata; and Dorothy Rohweder Sorenson, LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Mr. Eugene Sweazey, Society President, was master of ceremonies. Mr. Jack Kaehler gave the invocation to a crowd of about 240. Mr. Sweazey introduced Dr. DuFresne who gave a short greeting centered on the number of lives the fiftieth year class had touched through their many years of teaching.

Music after the dinner was provided by members of the Apollo Club, Class of 1932.

The highlight of the evening was when Mr. Sweazey asked each of the fiftieth year grads to tell what they had been doing since graduation. They told of varied experiences and many felt their fondest memories were of school days in Winona.

Emma Erickson of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, has had an elementary school named after her. Another graduate stated that in 1926 he came to Winona State for three reasons; money, sex, travel, and now at the age of seventy-one would give anything to have just one of those. Others told how many children and grandchildren they had and a contest seemed to develop over who had the most "legitimate" grandchildren. Many of the grads had taught for over forty years and others had successful careers in business. Still others told of their travels, their family and how they were enjoying retirement.

Some commented on dorm life while attending Winona State. The names of Miss Richards and Miss Gildemeister were often mentioned and many were pleased to see that buildings had been named after them.

Special recognition was given to



Seated at left is Dorothy Rohweder Sorensen, '26, one of the first graduates to receive a Bachelor of Education degree from Winona State Teachers College.



Alumni Society dinner guests about to enjoy a delicious meal.

Dorothy Rohweder Sorenson, '26, one of the first four graduates to receive a Bachelor of Education Degree from Winona State.

Each member of the Class of 1926 received a coffee mug commemorating their fiftieth-year anniversary of graduation from Winona State.

Two 1976 graduating seniors received honorary life memberships to the Alumni Society. They were Neva Huseh Banaei, a nursing major, and William Marx, a political science major. These awards are given each year to an outstanding woman and man graduate who have been nominated by department heads.

The Alumni Society established a new scholarship program for relatives of alumni to attend Winona State University. The four high school seniors receiving the award were: Dean Emanuel, Winona, recommended by his brother, Richard P. Emanuel, '74; Debra Lynn Lewis, Lewiston, Minnesota, recommended by her uncle, Melbourne E. Treder, '60; Debra Kay Ottoson, Red Wing, Minnesota, recommended by her father, Richard F. Ottoson, '58; and Carl Simons, Caledonia, Minnesota, recommended by his mother, Norma Westman Simons, '42. These four were chosen from the applications the Alumni Society Board received.

The banquet concluded with the singing of the Alma Mater. The alumni then adjourned to the Oaks Supper Club to renew old acquaintances and make new friends.

Comments made during the day and letters received from the guests of honor indicate the reunion was a success. Some of the comments were:

"The fiftieth reunion of the class of 1926 will long remain a very special memory."

"The changes on the campus were amazing. The lovely corsage, excellent dinner in the beautifully decorated dining room, and the gift of the cup were a part of the reunion I will treasure."

"I wish to thank the committee that put on the Alumni tours, the tea and especially the elegant dinner. It was just a great set up, all so pleasant."

"As a member of the fiftieth year class of '26, I enjoyed it all so much — the bus tour, coffee hour, and the chance to see the marvelous growth of Winona State College. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to renew old friendships."

"It was a pleasure to be with those you learned to know and love back in 1926."



Left: Charles Pfeilsticker, '26, relates experiences from his college days at Winona State. Right: Jessie Beaton Larson, '26, reminds her classmates that she was a cheerleader back in 1926.



Neva Huseh Banaei, '76, accepts an honorary life membership to the Alumni Society from Society president Eugene Sweazey.



Recipients of Alumni Society scholarships awarded to relatives of alumni: (from left) Carl Simons; Debra Lynn Lewis; and Dean Emanuel.

Things We've Heard About You

Bertha A. Monson Hanks, Diploma, '26, taught forty-four years, the last twenty-nine in Mason City, Iowa. She is retired now and lives in Mason City.

Delia Bendix Hardy, Diploma, '26, married C. C. Hardy in 1931 and has lived in Hoisington, Kansas since then. They have two daughters and one son. She did substitute teaching for almost twenty years and in 1961 earned her B.S. degree from Fort Hays Kansas State College. C. C. has now retired after thirty-nine years as Hoisington High School Principal. Their hobbies include gardening, reading and serving church and civic organizations.

Esther C. Peterson, Diploma, '26, retired in 1967 after teaching in St. Paul, Minnesota since 1928. Her summers are spent in Crosslake, Minnesota.

Ruby Johnson Olsen, Diploma, '28, taught school in Montana for twelve years. Since retirement she spends her summers at Flathead Lake in Western Montana. She has two children and five grandchildren.

Everett F. Johnson, B.E. '29, coached football and basketball for four years at Monroe, Wisconsin. He then went to the University of Minnesota for his dental degree in 1936, and practiced dentistry in Madison, Wisconsin until he retired this year.

Jane Watson Olander, Diploma, '29, retired from teaching in 1974. She has one son and two grandchildren.

Fern L. Woodward, Diploma, '29, taught for twenty-seven years in Minnesota public schools and left the profession in 1971. Since that time, she and her husband have enjoyed traveling in

the U.S. and Europe. They have two daughters. She presently serves as secretary of the South Washington County School District's Continuing Education Committee, and lives in Cottage Grove, Minnesota.

Maryon Lieske, Diploma, '31, received her B.S. at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, after her children were out of college. She was the school librarian at Wilson School in West Allis, Wisconsin. She and her husband are both retired and enjoy traveling to Europe, Canada, Mexico and the U.S.

Dr. Stanley Arbingast, B.E. History and Education, '34, has been presented an "Award for Outstanding Service" by the Association for University Business and Economic Research (AUBER). It is only the second time in AUBER'S twenty-eight year existence that such an honor has been given. The University of Texas professor is the first university business research director to receive the award.

Edna Kruger Larson, B.E. English, '35, retired from teaching and lives in Escanaba, Michigan.

Arthur R. Andrejek, B.S. Physical Education, '40, specialized in Orthopedic Surgery for over twenty years in Miami, Florida, and is now enjoying semi-retirement. He and his wife, **Dolores Busse Andrejek**, B.S. Education, '41, live in Yalaha, Florida.

Valerie Lyons Curtis, B.S. English, '40, and her husband, Mark, live in Duluth, Minnesota. Valerie teaches christian education classes and enjoys working with the Girl Scouts. They have five children and four grandchildren.

Marcene Meinke Herron, Diploma, '40, B.S. Elementary Education, '60, completed her ninth year of teaching first grade at Downey Unified District, California. Previous to that she taught for twelve years in Lake City, Minnesota. Her husband is employed with McDonnell Douglas Aircraft and they have three children.

Dorothy Yennie Gray, B.S. English, '41, was a Navy officer in World War II and the Korean War and retired as a Reserve Commander in 1968. She worked as a civilian Education Specialist for the Navy from 1957-1972 transferring to Headquarters Marine Corps where she is currently employed in the same capacity. Her husband, George, is a survey statistician at the U.S. Bureau of the Census and they live in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Florence Lindgren Clute, B.S. Math and Physical Education, '44, recently received recognition for spending the past twenty years as a caseworker with the Lutheran Children's Friend Soci-

ety of Michigan. She spends one day a week at the Satellite office in Lansing, besides traveling extensively all over the western part of the state as the need arises.

Dr. Bernhard W. Bartel, B.S. Science, '46, is Superintendent of Schools in Forest Lake, Minnesota.

Mary Louise Wilson Donkersgoed, 2 Year, '46, is presently an elementary principal at the Bloomington, Minnesota schools. She received her B.S. from the University of Minnesota in 1960 and her M.S. from Mankato State in 1966.

William B. Raymond, B.S. Social Science, '47, has retired from the U.S. Army, and he and his wife, **Margaret Schlesselman Raymond**, B.S. English, '42, live in Orlando, Florida.

Lucille Just DeRose, B.S. English, '49, is an editorial assistant at the Bureau of Automotive Repair in the Department of Consumer Affairs in Sacramento, California.

Robert J. Duncan, B.S. Industrial Arts, '57, has been teaching industrial arts for the past seventeen years in Port Huron, Michigan.

Dennis W. Rislove, B.S. Math, '57, recently completed his Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He had taught high school math for two years at Brookwood High School, Norwalk, Wisconsin, and spent one year in Craig, Alaska, a remote Indian village on an island. In 1971, at age twenty-seven, he was hired by the Peterson School District as one of the youngest school superintendents in Minnesota. In 1974 Dr. Rislove also became a superintendent of a school district in Rushford, Minnesota, the position he presently holds. He and his wife, Ann, have two sons.

Carol Paulsen Lenz, B.S. Math, '62, has taught mathematics at Wykoff, Minnesota, for nine years. She has two daughters and lives in Spring Valley, Minnesota.

Howard Seaman, M.S. '62, retired from the education field in June, 1975. He makes his home in Ontario, Wisconsin.

Thomas F. Blaisdell, B.S. Elementary Education, '65, is presently vice president of the Northwest Bank of Northfield, Minnesota. He and his wife, Linda, have three children.

Richard Lietzau, B.S. Business Education, '65, received his M.A. from the California State University, Los Angeles. He is presently a business instructor at the Inver Hills Junior College, Minnesota.

Anne Galvin Lund, B.A. Social Science, '66, is a social worker at Wright

County Social Service Department. She and her husband, Richard, have three children and live in Buffalo, Minnesota.

Cynthia L. Packard, B.S. Physical Education, '66, is an administrative officer for aircraft maintenance at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. She is enrolled in the masters program at the University of Northern Colorado.

Frederic J. Sillman, B.A. Speech, '66, is taking a leave of absence from the Southland Corporation of Greensboro, North Carolina, to tour the South, New England, Canada and the Western U.S. with his wife, Annie.

James J. Majerus, B.A. Business Administration, '67, is an accountant at Continental Oil Company in Ponca City, Oklahoma. He and his wife, Susan, have two children.

Jerome J. Pesch, B.A. Business Administration, '67, received his masters degree from the University of Dayton, Ohio, in April, 1975.

LeRoy Stadler, M.S., '67, is an Extension Director of the National College of Business in St. Paul, Minnesota. **Judy Stadler**, M.S., '67, is the Minneapolis Extension Director of the National College of Business.

Rosemary Frenette Green Fink, B.S. Physical Education and Health, '68, is in her fifth year of teaching physical education at the Northfield Junior High School. She has coached senior high girl's varsity basketball for the last two years. She recently married Jerry Fink, a barber in Northfield, Minnesota.

Robert H. Neessen, B.S. Elementary Education, '68, M.S. Education, Psychology and Counseling, '71, was recently promoted to counseling supervisor of five field offices headquartered at Willmar, Minnesota, with the division of vocational rehabilitation in the Minnesota State Department of Education.

Sandra Schollmeier, B.A. Sociology, '68, has been appointed as senior-citizen program director in the city park recreation department, Winona, Minnesota. Her duties will be to plan, organize, direct and implement city-wide recreation programs for senior citizens.

James N. Daleiden, B.A. Business Administration, '69, is with the armed services stationed in Mantz, Germany. He is a medic and has completed nineteen months of service.

Kenneth N. Mueller, B.A. Biology, '69, is a biologist for Northern States Power Company, Prairie Island Nuclear Plant in Red Wing, Minnesota.

Debra Larsen Mueller, B.S. Nursing,

'71, works as a part-time critical care nurse at St. John's Hospital in Red Wing. They have one daughter, Sara.

Kay Quinn Peltier, B.S. Elementary Education, '69, is presently teaching hearing impaired children for South Washington Schools in Cottage Grove, Minnesota. Her husband, Skip, is head hockey coach and assistant baseball coach for Park Senior High School. They have one daughter, Christine.

Stanley C. Denn, B.A. Business Administration, '70, is assistant manager of the True Value Store in Hastings, Minnesota.

Pat Faurot, B.S. Social Science, '70, is currently a pilot in the Marine Corps. He and his wife, Kathryn, live in Laguna Hills, California.

David A. Kulas, B.S. Math, B.A. Psychology, '70, is a national sales manager for Ludd Line, a company selling nylon jackets, uniforms and other items to sporting goods stores. He is also attending Southwest Missouri State University working on his MBA.

Jeffery Vandenberg, B.A. Business Administration, '70, is currently selling pharmaceuticals for Glenbrook Laboratories, a division of Sterling Drug Company. He makes his home in Rogers, Minnesota.

William P. Braun, B.S. Elementary Education, '71, is a principal at Capri School, Brewer, Maine. He and his wife, **Patricia Malay Braun**, B.S. Social Science, '73, live in Bangor, Maine.

Ronald B. Clements, B.A. Accounting, '71, has been promoted to chief accountant for the Trane Company of Canada. He joined the accounting department of Trane in 1971, was promoted to supervisor of general accounting for the Commercial Air Conditioning Division in 1974 and manager of general accounting for the division in 1975. He and his wife, Jane, have two children.

Jeffrey J. Heider, B.S. English, '71, is a medical sales representative for Eaton Laboratories. He and his wife, Jean, live in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Arthur Humphries, B.S. Speech, '71, is a Navy Lieutenant now serving as assistant director of the Naval Information Branch Office in New York City. Art is a full time public affairs officer dealing with the networks and major magazine and book publishers in New York City and the area.

Bob Hambright, B.S. Nursing, '72, is employed at the VA Hospital in Cheyenne, Wyoming. His wife, **Patricia E. Smith Hambright**, B.S. Nursing, '71, works part-time at DePaul Hospital there. They have two daughters, Jenny and Karla.

Donna Meakins Harris, B.S. Elementary Education, '72, is teaching third and fourth grade at the Goodview School, Winona. She received her M.S. in Learning Disabilities from WSU in 1975.

Robert Ledebuhr, B.S. Industrial Education, '72, is the purchasing agent at Winona Tool Manufacturing Company. He and his wife, Judy, have one son, Ryan Robert.

Gary Prescher, B.S. Social Science, '72, is presently farming with his father in rural Delavan, Minnesota. He and his wife, **Judith Oothoudt Prescher**, B.S. Elementary Education, '71, have one daughter, Megan.

Marty Roberson Shouldice, B.S. Math, '72, is teaching math in Calgary, Alberta Canada. In late July, she and her husband, Rick, will leave for a year or more of traveling around the world.

Fred Falk, B.A. Political Science, '73, is currently teaching high school social studies and farming 120 acres in Edgerton, Wisconsin. He is chairman of the Fulton Town Board and will be running on the Republican ticket for sheriff of Rock County in November 1976.

Raymond D. Haag, B.A. Social Science, '73, is employed as an assistant manager at Walgreen Drug Store, in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was nominated to appear in the 1974 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America" by U.S. Jaycees - Washington, D.C.

Beverly Johnson Halvorson, B.S. Elementary Education, '73, is presently teaching sixth grade at Chatfield, Minnesota.

Doug Hubbard, B.A. Business Administration, '73, is a quality-control manager at Fiberite Corporation, Winona.

Mary Lindahl McGree, B.S. Elementary Education, '73, is teaching second grade at Spring Grove, Minnesota.

Sharon Nystuen, B.A. Sociology, '73, is a social worker for the State of Florida in Ft. Pierce, Florida.

William R. Reif, B.S. Elementary Education, '73, is teaching sixth grade in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. His wife, **Rebecca Van Auken Reif**, B.S. Music, '72, has been teaching elementary music there for three years.

Barbara Ann Deneff Turner, B.A. Psychology, '73, is presently employed by Continental Insurance Company in Atlanta, Georgia. She is enrolled in insurance institute courses which when completed will make her eligible to become an underwriter. In December, 1975, she married James Ray Turner who is studying to be a dentist. They live in Atlanta, Georgia.

Ronald G. Donkers, B.A. Business Administration, '74, is a medical products salesman for Air Products and Chemicals serving the eastern half of Iowa. His wife, Patricia Rose Donkers, is the manager of Shirley's Maternity Fashions in Des Moines, Iowa.

Jay K. Flury, B.S. Elementary Education, '74, is an elementary social studies teacher and a driver education instructor in Seymour, Wisconsin.

Cheri Groth, B.A. Recreation, '74, has been working as the Recreation Supervisor for the Park and Recreation Department of Moorhead, Minnesota.

Don Huebner, B.S. Social Science, '74, is now a sales associate with Key Real Estate in Winona, Minnesota.

Nancy Parmenter Ludwig, B.S. Elementary Education, '74, is teaching first grade in the Austin, Minnesota Public School system.

Harry R. Nevling, B.A. Business Administration, '74, is District Manager for International Dairy Queen Corporation. He supervises and coordinates franchise operations of forty privately owned stores in Michigan and Indiana.

John D. Passe, B.A. Accounting, '74, is with Duellman and Pingel Public Accountants in Winona. He and his wife, Barb, have two daughters, Michelle Ann and Kerry Ann.

Mark Reier, B.S. Elementary Education, '74, is a fifth grade teacher at Sand Creek Elementary School of Coon Rapids, Minnesota. **Judy Hands Reier**, B.S. Nursing, '74, is an RN at North Memorial Hospital, Robbinsdale, Minnesota.

David Russell, B.S. Art, '74, is currently employed as a Design Engineer in the art department at Asco, Inc., Winona. **Judy Koski Russell**, B.A. Sociology, '72, is employed in the admissions office at Winona State University. They have one son, Wyatt.

Steven J. Schmidt, B.A. Accounting, '74, is a computer programmer for Meyer Industries in Red Wing, Minnesota. His wife, **Judianne Rosaaen Schmidt**, B.A. Social Science, '74, works with computers at a bank there. **Susan Steuernagel**, B.A. Sociology, '74, is employed with the Department of Employment Services at Albert Lea, Minnesota, as an employment counselor.

Rich Ellefson, B.A. Business Administration, '75, is the manager in the mortgage loan service department of Olmsted Federal Savings and Loan Association in Rochester, Minnesota.

Joe McBrien, B.A. Business Administration, '75, will complete his masters requirements this August and anticipates

graduating then from the University of Denver, Colorado. **Judene McBrien**, A.A. Executive Secretary, '73, is a legal secretary for a law firm in Denver.

David R. Oelkers, B.S. Physical Education, '75, is an elementary physical education teacher, head wrestling and cross country coach. He and his wife, **JoAnn Oelkers**, B.S. Business Education, '76, live in Rushford, Minnesota.

Susan J. Schoonover, A.A. Executive Secretary, '75, is now a secretary to the Controller of Dayton Rogers Mfg. Company in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Deanne M. Scott, B.S. Nursing, '75, has been working at the Metropolitan Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota since graduation. In March of 1975, she married **Bruce L. Olson**, B.A. Psychology, '74, who is with the Prudential Life Insurance Company.

Elaine Teresa Walske, B.S. Nursing, '75, is a nurse in the critical care unit of Sacred Heart Hospital, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Jeff Wershofen, B.A. Business Administration, '75, is now senior pricing analyst for the U.S. Feed Division of Con Agra Corporation, Omaha, Nebraska.

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